



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **GUIDANCE FOR FACILITY OPERATORS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISIONS TO MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE**

Effective January 1, 2007, revisions to Annex II of MARPOL (International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) and the International Bulk Chemical (IBC) Code, which are the standards for shipping hazardous cargoes in bulk, went into effect. The most significant changes occurred to the classification of bulk NLS and carriage requirements. The revisions required all NLS to be reclassified and assigned to new categories, namely X, Y, Z, and other substance (OS). All NLS carried under the revised Annex II and loaded after December 31, 2006, shall be classified under the new system.

Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 03-06 has been developed and published to implement revisions to MARPOL Annex II and the IBC code and resolve any conflicts until relevant U.S. laws and regulations are changed to conform to the revised international standards. Facility operators are strongly encouraged to review NVIC 03-06, which is available via the internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index00.htm>. As a result of the MARPOL Annex II revisions, some facilities may be required to apply for a new Certificate of Adequacy (COA) reflecting these new standards.

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